

II. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-6 are not anticipated by Chung et al. ("Chung") U.S. Patent No. 6,359,871 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Applicants' invention according to claim 1 recites complementing a telephone connection and initiating a telephone connection. This is not disclosed or suggested by Chung. Chung refers to a frame structure used in wireline communication between the base stations and network controller. (Col. 8, lines 35-50 and Col. 9, lines 24-45). A wireless connection through intermediate devices like base stations and RNCs is not a telephone connection as is claimed by Applicants.

Chung describes a special purpose cellular radio system used in mines. The system employs time division multiplexing in the backbone network that connects the base stations to each other. Chung is not at all related to Applicants' invention. The passages referred to by the Examiner do not disclose or suggest Applicants' invention. Namely Col. 8, lines 35-50 only concerns the existence of base station specific signaling time slots in the frame structure. Col. 9, lines 25-45 only concerns the organization into fields of a normal communication time slot.

Chung does not disclose or suggest initiating the telephone connection or composing, at the transmitting telecommunication device, a signaling message of predetermined form to be transmitted in association with the telephone connection. What Applicants are saying here, with the use of "in association" and thus is described in the specification, is that the signaling message has a logical link with the telephone connection. That

the signaling message is related to that telephone connection and not to any other connection. The signaling message carries information that adds value to that particular telephone connection. These features are not disclosed or suggested by Chung.

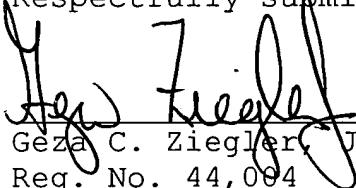
Applicants' invention according to claim 1 also recites indicating within the signaling message, the intended receiving part within the receiving telecommunication device of at least part of the signaling message. This is also not disclosed or suggested by Chung. Perhaps the Examiner is misconstruing the receiving portable terminal of Chung as the receiving telecommunication device. However, this is not the case. Applicants have very carefully used the term "within" to indicate that when the signaling message arrives at its intended receiving device, there is, as a true part of that device, some part that is an intended receiving part of at least some of the information contained in the signaling message. In Chung, the receiving portable terminal is not in any way a part of the network device that receives the information travelling in a signalling timeslot. The network device may extract some information from a signalling timeslot and send, on the basis of that extracted information, something further to a portable terminal. However, such forwarding means transmitting information from a network device over a further inter-device communications link to an independent functional entity that is not part of the network device in question.

Thus, it is submitted that Chung does not disclose or suggest each element of Applicants' invention for the reasons stated above. Therefore, Chung cannot anticipate Applicants' invention under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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